



## Cultural Arts

### April 2016 Calendar Of Events

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Cultural Arts & Community Events programs: [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org)

City of Las Vegas website: [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov)

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#### PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### **Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Summer Conservatories Registration (ages 8-16)**

Summer Children's Drama Conservatory (ages 8-11)

Teen Summer Conservatory (ages 12-16)

Registration opens March 1 and remains open until full.

Cost \$225 for two weeks.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

These two-week conservatories, June 13-24, will meet Monday through Friday. Children ages 8-11 meet 8 a.m. to noon; teens ages 12-16 meet 1 to 5 p.m. The conservatory offers youth actor training for every experience level. A performance on the main stage of Charleston Heights Arts Center Saturday morning, June 25, culminates the experience.

#### **Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Summer Class Registration**

Registration for seven-week summer session classes begins March 12 and remains open until full.

Session runs May 11-June 25.

Cost: \$42-60 per class.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

See available classes at <http://www.artslasvegas.org/classes/rcyt.htm> or call 702-229-6553 for details.

#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center Spring II 2016 Class Registration (all ages)**

Registration available through April 13, 2016, for a six-week session of classes held April 13–May 21.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

Cultural arts classes offered include African Dance for Children, African Dance for Teens/Adults, African Drum, Ballet – Children, Ballet – Beginner/Intermediate, Ballet – Intermediate/Advanced, Modern Dance – Intermediate, Hip Hop/Funk, Capoeira/Martial Arts, Audio Engineering, and the Cultural Arts Ensembles – Children's African Dance & Drum and Performance Ensemble. For more information, call 702-229-4800. To register online, visit [www.artslasvegas.org/events/register.htm](http://www.artslasvegas.org/events/register.htm).

#### **Scottish Country Dancing (ages 13+)**

Fridays, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., April 1, 8 and 15. (not held April 22 or 29)

Cost: \$5 per person at the door; pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Scottish country dancing celebrates the beautiful ballroom dance styles of Scotland. Dances can be joyfully energetic or graceful. From the first chord to the final bow or curtsy, participants will be inspired by the driving reels, jigs, strathspeys or lilted airs. Dancers should wear comfortable clothes and soft shoes. These dances are presented by the Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers, a nonprofit volunteer organization. For more information, call 702-656-9513 or go online to [www.lasvegascountrydance.org](http://www.lasvegascountrydance.org). Call ahead, dates are subject to change.

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**“An Afternoon of Jazz”**

Hosted by Yusef Sudah

Saturday, April 2, 2 to 4 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Community Gallery, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

Join host Yusef Sudah while he travels through musical moments in jazz history with commentary, coffee and tea. For more information, call 702-229-4800 or visit [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org).

**Ethnic Express International Folk Dancing** (ages 8+)

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., April 6, 13, and 20.

Weekly Admission: \$4 per person per week. Pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Call ahead, dates are subject to change. Enjoy an evening of fun learning international dance styles, including Arabic, Armenian, Bulgarian, Chinese, Greek, Israeli, Macedonian, Russian, Serbian and Turkish folk dances.

No need to bring a partner. These dances are presented weekly by Ethnic Express, a nonprofit volunteer organization. For more information, call 702-562-9889 or go online to <http://www.ethnicexpresslasvegas.org/>.

**2016 Bluegrass Festival** (all ages)

Saturday, April 9, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Durango Hills Park, 3521 N. Durango Drive.

Free and open to the public.

All are welcome at this free family-friendly event, with a full day of music and fun featuring some of the best bluegrass bands anywhere! There will also be plenty of food, beverages and a beer garden. The festival also features instrument demonstrations, bluegrass jams, folk art and crafts vendors, and activities for children. Musical appearances by Run Boy Run, Blue Canyon Boys, Rocky Neck Bluegrass Band, Out of the Desert and Red Rock Ramblers. There will also be tasty BBQ, beer and plenty of other food available for purchase. Learn the history of bluegrass instruments and bring your own to join in the fun at the demonstration workshops and pickin' tent. Browse the wide array of folk art, jewelry and more at the craft market. Children will enjoy the face painting, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue truck tours and lots of other activities planned for them. Lawn seating; please bring low-back chairs or blankets for your comfort. For more information on the bands, visit <http://www.runboyrunband.com/>, <http://bluecanyonboys.com/>, <http://www.rockyneckbluegrass.com/>, <https://www.reverbnation.com/outofthedesert>, and <https://www.reverbnation.com/redrockramblers>. For more information on this festival, call 702-229-3514 or visit [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org).

**USA Ballroom Dances** (ages 13+)

Saturday, April 9, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 for USA Dance Members, students and military. Pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Monthly dance on Saturdays: March 19; April 9; May 14; June 11. Call ahead; dates are subject to change.

Presented by USA Dance Las Vegas Chapter #4038, a local chapter of the national nonprofit volunteer organization, dedicated to the promotion of ballroom dancing. For more information, call 702-260-0772 or go online to [www.usadancelasvegas.org](http://www.usadancelasvegas.org).

**Downtown Cultural Series – Patrick Ball: Celtic Harp and Story** (all ages)

Friday, April 15, noon to 1 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse, Suite 6073, 333 Las Vegas Blvd. South.

Patrick Ball plays the ancient harp of Ireland while he tells stories of enchantment, blending them in concert to create his memorable performance. For more about this artist, visit [www.patrickball.com/](http://www.patrickball.com/). For more information, call 702-229-ARTS (2787) or visit [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org).

### **National Poetry Month Celebration**

Hosted by Keith Brantley and LaBlaque

Friday, April 15, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Library Theatre, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-507-3989.

In honor of National Poetry Month, the West Las Vegas Arts Center presents a poetry super sampler, featuring some of the best in local talent from around the Las Vegas valley. This diverse group of poets will present their various works in a mini-feature format. Cosponsored by the Las Vegas – Clark County Library District. For more information, please call 702-229-4800 or 702-507-3989, or visit [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org).

### **Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Presents “Bridge to Terabithia” (grades 3-adult)**

April 22, 23, 29 and 30 at 7 p.m.; and April 24, 30 and May 1 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 per person, on sale now.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

In this faithful adaptation of the Newberry Award-winning children’s book, best friends Jess Aaron and Leslie Burke create their own kingdom, the magical Terabithia, where they reign as King and Queen and their imaginations set the only limits. The powerful play of remarkable richness and depth captures the humor, warmth and emotional intensity of Katherine Patterson’s story. For tickets and information, visit [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org) or call 702-229-ARTS (2787).

### **Renowned Children’s Author Kate DiCamillo**

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. Fourth St., 702-229-5431.

The city of Las Vegas, in partnership with the Writer’s Block bookstore, will present best-selling children’s author Kate DiCamillo to read from her works, answer questions and sign her books. Perhaps best known for “Because of Winn-Dixie” and “The Tale of Despereaux,” this award-winning author is recognized for weaving universal themes of hope and belief into her works. Writer’s Block will have her new book available for sale.

## **Exhibitions**

### **“Force of Nature” Exhibit**

**Artists Elizabeth Blau, Rossitza Todorova and Orlando Montenegro Cruz**

Through April 20; Wednesday-Friday, 12:30 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sunday-Tuesday and holidays.

Free admission and open to the public.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

These three artists explore similar topics having to do with nature, movement relating to travel through space, and human effect on the environment. Call 702-229-1012 for more information.

### **“The Midcentury Las Vegas Stage” Exhibit**

***Acts That Built the Entertainment Capital of the World***

Through April 21; hours Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

Free admission and open to the public.

Las Vegas City Hall Chamber Gallery, 495 S. Main St., second floor.

This is a special exhibition in collaboration with the city of Las Vegas, Las Vegas News Bureau and the Nevada State Museum-Las Vegas. Call 702-229-1012 for more information.

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**“In Appreciation...” - A Walter Mason Exhibit**

April 9 – May 28; center open Wednesday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Gallery hours vary; call 702-229-4800 for best information.

Meet-the-Artist-Reception Saturday, April 9, 2 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Community Gallery, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

Walter Mason celebrates those beautiful artists who have brought inspiration to his life as an artist. For more information, call 702-229-4800 or visit [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org).

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